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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on June 2, 2006. This response is being filed concurrently with a Petition for Revival of an application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.